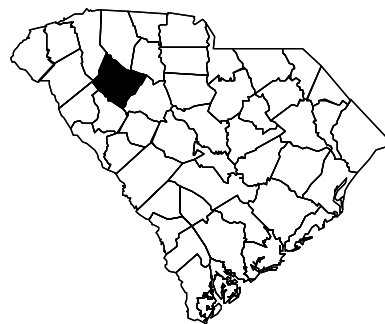


ASTHMA IN LAURENS COUNTY



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Impact of Asthma in the United States

- U.S. asthma lifetime cases more than doubled from an estimated 6.7 million to 31.3 million between 1980 and 2001.
- Costs for asthma have almost tripled from an estimated \$6.2 billion in 1990, to over \$16 billion in 2001.
- Five million U.S. children are asthmatic, more than the entire population of South Carolina.
- 4,222 people died of asthma in 2001.
- In 2001, there were 18 asthma hospitalizations of children (<18 years) in Laurens county.
- Healthy People 2010 Objective for asthma hospitalizations among children under age 5 years is 25 per 10,000 children.
- Laurens county had a rate of 28 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2001, compared to South Carolina's 65 per 10,000 children.

Asthma in South Carolina

- Annually about 264,000 South Carolinians suffer from asthma.
- In 2001, 1.2% (5,785) of ALL hospitalizations were for asthma.
- Asthma claimed the lives of 77 South Carolinians in 2001.

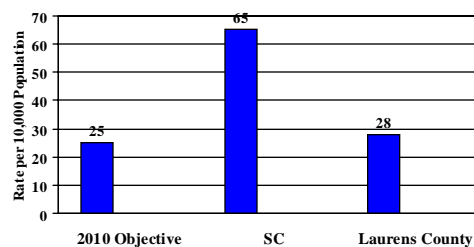
Impact of Asthma in Laurens County

- About 3,928 (5.6%) adults in Laurens county suffer annually from asthma.
- In 2001, there were 78 hospitalizations for asthma in Laurens county for all ages.

Children Suffer the Most from Asthma

- Asthma/Bronchitis is the leading cause of hospitalization in Laurens county for children under the age of 18.

Comparison of Asthma Hospitalization Rates, Children Aged 0-5, Laurens County, 2001

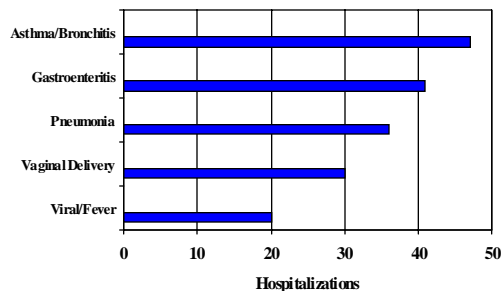


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Cost of Asthma

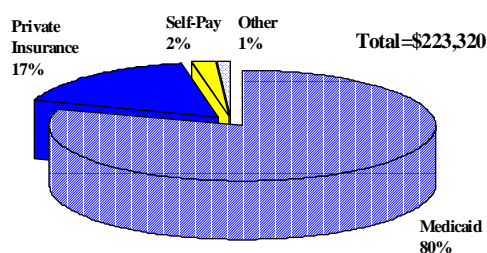
- \$223,320 was charged in 2001 for hospital and ER visits in Laurens county for asthmatic children (<18 years).
- Medicaid covered nearly 80% of these charges.

Leading Causes of Hospitalization in Children Aged 0-18, Laurens County, 2001



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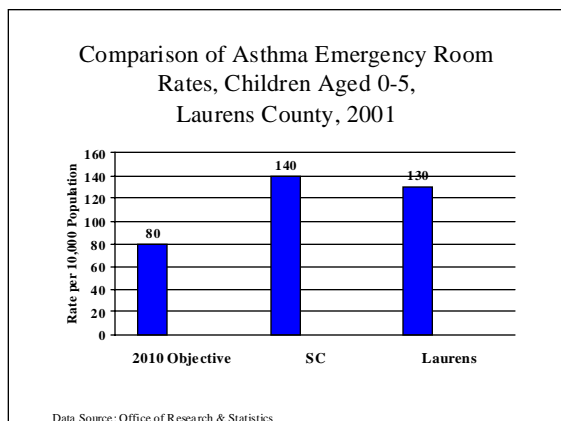
Percent Distribution of Asthma Related ER & Hospitalization Charges of Children Aged 0-18, Laurens County, 2001



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Emergency Room

- 148 children under the age of 18 visited the ER due to asthma in Laurens county in 2001. This represents 41% of all ER visits due to asthma.
- \$50,460 was charged for ER visits in Laurens county for asthmatic children (< 18 years) in 2001.



- Healthy People 2010 Objective for asthma related ER visits among children under age 5 years old is 80 per 10,000 children.
- Laurens county had an ER rate of 130 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2001, compared to South Carolina's 140 per 10,000 children.

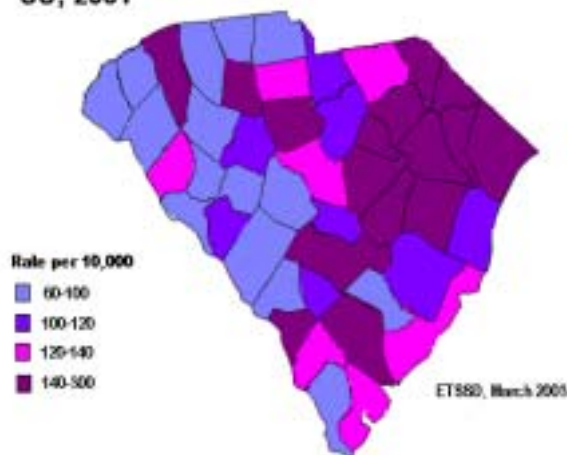


Disparities

- Non-white children under the age of 18 visit ER more frequently than white children in the same age group.
- The hospitalization rate for white and non-white children is almost the same.

Hospital and Emergency Room Rates per 10,000 Children (<18 years), 2001				
	Laurens County		South Carolina	
	White	Non-white	White	Non-white
Hospital	9.4	13.3	19.2	41.5
ER	48.8	153.1	46.0	155.5

Asthma Related Hospital and ER Visits Rate for Children Younger than 18 SC, 2001



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